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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR CREATING A SYSTEM CLOCK IN A RECEIVER DEVICE AND CORRESPONDING RECEIVER DEVICE

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# Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

## Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 2-4 of remarks, with respect to prior art rejection of the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. The previous prior art rejection of claims 16-19, 22-29, and 31-33 have been withdrawn.

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Aaron Grunberger on 10/29/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. On the last line of claim 17, "to a comparison result" has been replaced by to a comparison result of the comparing step
- b. Claim 21 has been cancelled.
- c. Claims 22 and 23 now depend on claim 29.
- d. On the first line of claim 28 (in the preamble of the claim), "generating" has been replaced by synchronizing
- e. In claim 29, the last paragraph has been replaced as follows:

<u>a synchronization unit for synchronizing the counter according to</u> <u>the sampling frequency, wherein the determining the sampling frequency</u> of the one of the packetized elementary data streams is without a transmitter transmitting a value of the system time clock;

wherein the synchronization unit sets an increment of the counter, the increment being determined from a ratio between a program clock reference and a nominal sampling frequency.

# Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 16-19, 22-29, and 31-33 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claims 16-19, 27, 28, and 31-33, a comprehensive search of prior art of record failed to teach a method for synchronizing a counter in a receiving device, comprising: generating the digital data streams in a transmitting device by sampling analog signals at a sampling frequency synchronized by a system time clock in the transmitting device; determining the sampling frequency of one of the data streams in the receiving device; synchronizing the counter with the determined sampling frequency of the one of the data streams; setting an increment of the counter; and determining the increment from a ratio between a program clock reference and the sampling frequency, wherein the determining the sampling frequency of the one of the data streams in the receiving device is without the transmitter transmitting a value of the system time clock; and the frequency of the system time clock in the transmitting device is not the same as the sampling frequency.

As to claims 22-26 and 29, a comprehensive search of prior art of record failed to teach a device comprising: a transport data stream demultiplexer for demultiplexing a transport data stream into packetized elementary data streams and <u>for extracting flags</u>

that identify a presentation time stamp for the purpose of initializing a counter; a unit for correctly determining a sampling frequency of one of the packetized elementary data streams; an output control unit for synchronizing data streams obtained from the packetized elementary data streams; and a synchronization unit for synchronizing the counter according to the sampling frequency, wherein the determining the sampling frequency of the one of the packetized elementary data streams is without a transmitter transmitting a value of the system time clock; wherein the synchronization unit sets an increment of the counter, the increment being determined from a ratio between a program clock reference and a nominal sampling frequency.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEILA MALEK whose telephone number is (571)272-8731. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on 571-272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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